

INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

An informational meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, May 9, 2007, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman
L. Allen Messick, Jr.
W. Allen Jones

Harry D. Shockley (representing Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)
Jack Markell, State Treasurer

Absent: Theodore P. Bobola, Jr., Lyn Davenport, William Vanderwende, G. Ray Staats, and John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, and Scott Blaier.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Mr. Joe Gordon of JCM Environmental.

Chairman Garey opened the informational meeting at 8:35 a.m. with prayer, and as we did not have enough Board members for a quorum it was decided to hold an informational committee meeting instead of a regular meeting.

- I. Progress Report. Mr. Milton Melendez informed the Board that we currently have 938 farms in preservation districts, totaling 145,243 acres, and there are 116 farms totaling 15,925 acres for PDR 12 with an estimated value of \$247,272,924. For PDR 13 there are currently 35 farms, with 2,350 acres with an estimated value of \$38,814,052.00. In the Forestland Preservation program we have 6 forest areas with 279.3 acres.
- II. Milton Melendez then distributed a map showing the lots on the frontage of the Dickerson Expansion of the O'Neal Preservation District, S-07-02-069B. The parcel numbers show that the lots were not involved with the parcel in the preservation district. Mr. Michael McGrath explained how you can tell from the parcel numbers if the lots came from the parcel in the Dickerson Expansion. This information had been requested by Mr. Messick at the last Foundation meeting. Mr. McGrath stated that we would provide a similar map if we have a parcel which shows lots along the frontage in any future properties which are under review to come into the program.
- III. Public Comments – No comments were received from the public.
- IV. Minutes – The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of April 11, 2007. Receiving none, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Allen Jones. Approval of the minutes will be deferred until the next meeting at which there is a quorum.**
- V. Financial Report – Cathy Mesick informed the Board that we have as of the end of April \$27,926.86 in the checking account and \$346,224.49 in the savings account. Income for the month of April was \$3,407.50 received from roll back taxes. Expenses for April were \$9,216.38. **Jack Markell moved to approve the financial report. This will be deferred until the next meeting of the Foundation at which there is a quorum.**
- VI. Executive Session – There was no need for an Executive Session.
- VII. Other Business – Michael McGrath informed the Board that he met with New Castle County and he is working with them on criteria for selection of the properties for PDR 12. Kent County will be spending \$250,000 for PDR 12 and Sussex will spend \$300,000 with another \$106,000 from the Sussex County Land Trust.

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- VIII. As there was no further information to be shared, the meeting ended at 9:09 a.m. The next meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation will be held May 24, 2007, at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, Delaware, starting 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Allen Jones
Treasurer